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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: MAY 27 SPC DISCUSSIONS

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1. MISSION DISCUSSED INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL WITH UK DEL DURING MORNING OF MAY 27 AND AGREED TO COORDINATED APPROACH IN THAT AFTERNOON'S SPC MEETING. AS RESULT, US REP IN SPC STATED HE COULD ACCEPT TWO MAJOR POINT RAISED BY FRENCH (PARA 2A AND B REFTEL). US REP SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS BASED ON UK TEXT. FRENCH REP THEN INTRODUCED TEXTS COVERING SAME GROUND BUT INCLUDING TWO POINTS ON WHICH US RESERVED. THERE WERE A REFERENCE TO "VULNERABILITY" AND A REFERENCE TO "RULES OF WARFARE". TEST OF THESE AND OTHER PARAS WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

2. DISCUSSION OF OTHER PARAGRAPHS: MEETING REFLECTED SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT IN SPC ON US VERSION OF PARA 1 AND ON CHANGE WE SEEK IN PARA 6. DISCUSSIONS OF SENTENCE ONE, PARA TWO OF UK TEXT REFLECTED CONTINUING CONCERN OVER FINDING RIGHT LANGUAGE FOR BALANCE BETWEEN DEFENSE AND DETENTE AND ALLIANCE AS "INSTRUMENT" THEREFOR. PER REFTEL, US REP CITED HARMEL REPORT ON NATO DETENTE ROLE. THREE VERSIONS OF PARA 2, SENTENCE ONE, WILL BE RETAINED FOR CONSIDERATION BY PERMREPS, AS WILL OTHER CHANGES IN PARA WHICH WILL BE REPORTED FOLLOWING FURTHER REFINEMENT AT MAY 28 SPC REVIEW SESSION.

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3. DISCUSSION OF UK PARA 7 BROUGHT COMPLAINTS FROM ITALIANS, OTHER EC MEMBERS, OVER DROPPING LANGUAGE IN PREVIOUS VERSIONS COVERING PRSPECTIVE EC CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIANCE DEFENSE. GREEKS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS ACCEPT BURDENSARING ACCORDING TO

A COUNTRY'S "PLACE" IN THE ALLIANCE--LANGUAGE THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY  
CONTESTED.

4. DUE LACK OF TIME, MAY 27 SPC DID NOT ADDRESS PARAGRAPHS 8-10  
OF UK DRAFT WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED IN MAY 28 MEETING.

5. COMMENT: MAY 27 SPC REFLECTED WILLINGNESS TO  
COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF A  
SATISFACTORY DECLARATION. DETAILED REPORT CITING  
LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES REMAINING AT THAT TIME WILL BE SUBMITTED  
FOLLOWING SPC SESSION ON MORNING OF MAY 28. COMMENTS WERE ADDRESSED  
TO UK DRAFT, ALTHOUGH SOME DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED LANGUAGE FROM  
EARLIER DRAFT. THERE WAS NOT DISCUSSION OF WHAT TO DO WITH TEXT  
WHEN COMPLETED.  
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